

PATENT



Our Docket No. 1232-4706

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : SUZUKI  
Serial No. : 09/834,078 Art Unit : 2622  
Filed : April 12, 2001 Examiner : C. Lee  
For : IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND ITS CONTROL METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application prior to continued examination on the merits. The Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114. The Office Action mailed January 12, 2005 closed prosecution on the merits in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 6 of this paper.